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FROM: Sachi A. Hamai
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EXIDE ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER (Item 18, Agenda of October 27, 2015)

On October 27, 2015, on motion of Supervisor Solis and Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, your Board directed several departments to assess environmental contamination surrounding the former Exide industrial plant located in the City of Vernon, and to conduct related activities such as public outreach and education.

Under Item 2 of that motion, County Counsel was directed to present to the Board a legal strategy against all responsible parties, including Exide. County Counsel's briefing on November 24, 2015, in closed session included a detailed attorney-client discussion of the potential funding sources that may be available for environmental cleanup activities.

Under Item 3.b. of that motion, the CEO was also directed to identify available funding sources appropriate and available to use for hazardous waste cleanup and remediation, and report back to the Board in 30 days at a Board meeting. This matter is now planned for the December 8, 2015 Board agenda.

The CEO, working with an outside consultant, has reviewed the major available funding sources for the Exide contamination area. Based on this review, we believe that County Counsel's November 24, 2015, presentation has already addressed the major potential available funding sources, and that another such presentation would be duplicative. Thus, we recommend that the planned December 8, 2015, Board presentation on funding sources to address the Exide contamination be taken off calendar.

The CEO will continue to work closely with the Department of Public Health and County Counsel to address the significant issues raised by the Exide environmental disaster. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 974-1101.

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